

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-40. (canceled)

1 41. (currently amended): Accessory or component or actuating parts for or of
2 musical instruments comprising said parts being made at least partially from titanium or a
3 titanium alloy ~~GRADE~~ grade 5 or from a titanium alloy having material number 3.7165 or
4 3.7164, the titanium and the titanium alloy, respectively, being in a cast, forged or sintered form
5 and the parts being coated with at least one hard layer made of at least one of ~~WC/C (tungsten~~
6 ~~carbide-carbon)~~ tungsten carbide carbon (WC/C), ~~WC tungsten carbide (WC)~~, ~~CrC (chromium~~
7 ~~carbide)~~ chromium carbide (CrC) and ~~CrN (chromium nitride)~~ chromium nitride (CrN), in the
8 course of a physical application process, and/or that a hard layer made of titanium nitride is
9 formed on or applied to the parts, said at least one hard layer being made by depositing or
10 applying the hard layer to the parts.

1 42. (previously presented): Parts according to claim 41 wherein, for coloring,
2 the surfaces of the parts are electroplated and/or coated with platinum, gold or rhodium or
3 anodized, respectively.

1 43. (previously presented): Parts according to claim 41 wherein the parts are
2 subjected to a thermal treatment or are hardened thermally.

1 44. (previously presented): Parts according to claim 41 wherein the parts are
2 formed by machining.

1 45. (previously presented): Parts according to claim 41 wherein the titanium
2 and the titanium alloy, respectively, have a density of about 4.42 g/cm² and a tensile strength of
3 at least 820 N/mm².

1 46. (previously presented): Parts according to claim 41 wherein the parts
2 comprise at least one of:
3 a fine tuner for string instruments, in particular the
4 screw connection part and/or knurled nut and/or lever and/or knurled screw and/or
5 microscrew thereof,
6 a string ball,
7 a tailpiece fastener and/or a fixing part for a tailpiece fastener,
8 a wolf eliminator, in particular the screw sleeves thereof,
9 a peg, preferably a peg for string instruments, in particular a peg shaft,
10 a tuning peg, in particular for keyboard instruments, harp, zither, dulcimer and
11 raffele,
12 a mouthpiece for brass instruments,
13 a bridge pin, in particular for keyboard instruments,
14 a string for string instruments,
15 a fret, in particular for plucked instruments,
16 a sound piece for brass instruments and a bell mouth, respectively, for hooters,
17 signal-horns or horns,
18 a chin holder screw, in particular for violin and viola,
19 a plectrum, in particular for plucked instruments,
20 a mechanism for plucked instruments, in particular contrabasses,
21 a trombone slide,
22 a valve for brass instruments,
23 a lamina, in particular for vibraphone or metallophone,
24 a tongue for harmonicas, in particular accordions and mouth organs, and for
25 musical clocks and automatic pianos, respectively,
26 a sheet or tone sheet, respectively, preferably for woodwind instruments or
27 saxophone,
28 a bridge support, in particular for string instruments,

29 a mute for string instruments,
30 a bow winding for a string bow,
31 an organ pipe,
32 a face for a string bow,
33 a tailpiece or tailpiece sleeve, respectively,
34 a thumb ring,
35 a bottleneck, in particular for plucked instruments,
36 a frog and/or a button for a string bow as well as a frog, a ring, a gusset or a
37 button ring,
38 a bell,
39 a bassoon tube,
40 a tuning fork,
41 a tuning pipe,
42 an endpin for string instruments,
43 a button for string instruments,
44 a bridge for plucked instruments,
45 a saddle for plucked instruments,
46 a tailpiece for string instruments, and
47 valves for wind instruments.

1 47. (previously presented): Parts according to claim 41 wherein the parts are
2 entirely made from titanium or titanium alloy.

1 48. (currently amended): Parts according to claim 41 wherein the ~~GRADE~~
2 grade 5 titanium alloy is TiAl6V4.

1 49. (canceled)

1 50. (currently amended): Parts according to claim 41 wherein the physical
2 application process comprises a Physical Vapor Deposition (PVD) process.